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SUBJECT: LOS - PRC VIEWS

1. ACTING LEGAL ADVISER BROWER AND DELOFF LUNCHEDED MARCH 22 WITH SHEN WEI- LIANG, PRC DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LAW AND TREATY AFFAIRS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND INTERPRETER. MAIN LOS SUBJECT WAS PRC POSITION THAT EVERY STATE COULD DETERMINE BREADTH OF ITS OWN TERRITORIAL SEA. SHEN NOTED PRC ITSELF COULD NOT CLAIM 200 MILES BECAUSE OF ITS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION, AND INDICATED LIMITS HAD TO BE " REASONABLE" AND COULD NOT FOR EXAMPLE EMBRACE ENTIRE PACIFIC OCEAN. MAJORITY OF STATES WOULD DETERMINE WHAT IS REASONABLE. SHEN DID NOT DISPUTE DISTINCTION BETWEEN TERRITORIAL SEA AND RESOURCE JURISDICTION, BUT SAID THERE HAD TO BE EXCLUSIVE RESOURCE ZONE. WHEN ASKED IF " REASONABLE" LIMITS FOR TERRITORIAL SEA MIGHT DIFFER FROM THOSE FOR RESOURCES, SHEN SAID TERRITORIAL SEA WOULD BE " MUCH NARROWER". THERE WAS NO INDICATION PRC WANTED BROAD TERRITORIAL SEA FOR ITSELF. SHEN ALSO NOTED THAT IN ECONOMIC ZONE THERE WOULD BE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION.

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2. SHEN SAID PRC WAS SELF- SUFFICIENT AS TO PRODUCTION AND REFINING OF PETROLEUM, WAS BEGINNING TO EXPORT TO

JAPAN, AND WAS DEVELOPING ITS OWN OFFSHORE PETROLEUM EXPLOITATION TECHNOLOGY. HE SAID PRC FISHING FLEET WAS STILL UNDERDEVELOPED, BUT SAID EMPHATICALLY THAT PRC HAD NO PLANS TO DEVELOP "DISTANT WATER FISHING FLEETS". HE ADDED THAT PRC WOULD SUPPLY FISHING VESSELS TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES, BUT THOSE COUNTRIES WOULD FISH OFF THEIR COASTS THEMSELVES.

3. MEETING WAS VERY CORDIAL AND DISCUSSION CONSIDERABLY MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN SOME OTHERS HAVE BEEN. SHEN MADE CLEAR HE HOPED TO MEET AGAIN WITH BROWER IN NEW YORK OR GENEVA THIS SUMMER.

4. SOME TIME DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATION OF RESPECTIVE LEGAL OFFICES AND LOS COORDINATION IN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. AT SHEN'S REQUEST, WE WILL DELIVER COPY OF DEPT PUBLICATION "TREATIES IN FORCE".
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